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SUBJECT: PERCY DELEGATION

1. CODEL PERCY ARRIVED PEKING AROUND 10 PM ON AUGUST 3. THEIR (COMMERCIAL) FLIGHT FROM SHANGHAI, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO GET INTO PEKING AT 1:55 PM WAS HELD UP WITH THE EXPLANATION VARIOUSLY OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS OR BAD WEATHER. BUSH AND DC THAYER MET CODEL ON ARRIVAL AT PEKING AIRPORT, WHERE PRINCIPAL GREETERS ON THE CHINESE SIDE WERE MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR TANG WEN-SHENG (NANCY TANG), CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT CHOU CHIU-YEH AND MFA OFFICE OF U.S. AFFAIRS DEPUTY CHAO CHI-HUA.

2. OWING TO THE AIRCRAFT'S LATE ARRIVAL, WELCOMING BANQUET ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THAT NIGHT WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING NIGHT. BUSH ATTENDED, AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG WAS SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIAL PRESENT.

3. THEYER MET WITH CODEL MEMBERS AT THEIR HOTEL THE NIGHT THE ARRIVED, AND BUSH HOSTED LUNCH AT THE RESIDENCE FOR THE CODEL WITH USLO STAFF AUGUST 4. TO HAVE MORE TIME AVAILABLE FOR OTHER ACTIV-

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ITIES, CODEL HAS DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION

AT THE RESIDENCE AUGUST 6 ORIGINALLY LAID ON FOR BOTH THEM AND U.S. INSECT CONTROL DELEGATION. THEY MAY RETURN TO USLO FOR DRINKS AT THE RESIDENCE THEIR LAST EVENING IN PEKING, BEFORE HOLDING THEIR RETURN BANQUET AT A RESTAURANT--IF SO, THIS WOULD LIKELY BE PRIMARILY A FORMAT FOR MEETING WITH THE PRESS. MEANWHILE, WE ARE IN REGULAR TOUCH WITH THEM.

4. CODEL'S ITINERARY, MORE OR LESS FIRM, AS SET AT A MEETING BETWEEN CHINESE AND CODEL REPS ON THE MORNING OF THE 4TH, IS:

PEKING AND VICINITY UNTIL AUGUST 8;
CHINAN - TSINGTAO AND BACK TO CHINAN, AUGUST 8-11;
NANKING - YANGCHOW AND BACK TO NANKING, AUGUST 11-13;
WUHSI, AUGUST 13-15;
SHANGHAI, AUGUST 15-16 (CODEL DEPARTS PRC FROM SHANGHAI MORNING OF AUGUST 16).

SENATOR PERCY TELLS US HE HAD TRIED FOR SIAN AND KWEILIN, AND--WITHOUT MUCH HOPE--TIBET. CHINESE FOR THEIR PART OFFERED HANGCHOU, BUT CODEL DID NOT WANT THIS. APPARENTLY THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY STILL THAT CHINESE WILL AGREE TO SOOCHOW IN LIEU OF WUHSI.

5. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 5 CODEL HAD NO DEFINITE WORD ON THE SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS WITH PRC LEADERS, BUT AT THE BANQUET AUGUST 4 WANG HAI-JUNG TOLD PERCY THAT CODEL COULD EXPECT TO SEE VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND THAT BUSH WOULD BE INCLUDED.
BUSH

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